

Nelson Lake Association



Spring Newsletter—2021

Upcoming Events

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 12, 2021
9:00 A.M. — Noon
at Hayward Veterans Center

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Saturday, August 14, 2021
4:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.
at Nelson Lake Park

WINTER RAMA

Saturday, January 8, 2022
Noon—4:00 P.M.
at Nelson Lake Landing

WE'RE ALL READY FOR SOME
FUN TIME AT THE LAKE!



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From the President

Rick Lindner

The lake refill started on March 16th when the stop logs were replaced at the dam. Initially some of the old stop logs were used because the new logs were not ready. On March 26th the old logs were removed and replaced with the new logs. Lower than normal snow cover and early thaw created some concern about how long it would take to return the lake to full basin, but after 10 days the lake had risen over 12 inches, and with only one day of light rainfall, it appeared as though the lake would be at normal level by the end of April. Open water started appearing along the shoreline within the first week as expected. The ice remaining over the lake disappeared on April 1, which was slightly earlier than average. Rain in early April helped the process and on April 11th the lake returned to normal and water was once again running over the dam.

The Fyke Net survey of the fish population, normally done by the DNR every 4 years, was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 restrictions, so the Fisheries team is planning on doing an Electro-Fishing survey this spring. This survey is intended to measure the Panfish and Bass population which are the species groups most likely affected by the drawdown. The results will be provided when available. DNR Fisheries is also planning to stock 27,000 extended growth walleye fingerlings in the fall. But before the final decision is made on the number, a fall survey of walleye fingerlings will be conducted. If we are fortunate enough to see a large number of natural walleye reproduction the number to be stocked may be adjusted to maintain survival based on the quantity of prey available.

This summer it will be interesting to see how much effect the drawdown had on weed growth along the shoreline. We have two programs focused on preventing and detecting infestation of invasive weeds. The Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) boat inspection program is focused on preventing weeds from being brought into the lake. We have two new boat inspectors this year. Please provide your full cooperation with the boat inspectors when using the public accesses on the lake. Our Weed Watcher program is focused on early detection of invasive weeds. We need additional volunteers to cover all the sectors on the lake. Please see the article later in this newsletter.

Nelson Lake Association



39th ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: Saturday, June 12, 2021

TIME: 9:00 A.M. — Noon

PLACE: Hayward Vets Center

Agenda

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| 9:00 AM | Coffee & Donuts |
| 9:30 AM | Drawdown Report
Lenroot Town Report
<i>- Gordy Christians</i> |
| 9:45 AM | Weed Watcher Program
<i>- Jeff Hanson</i> |
| 10:00 AM | CPR / AED Information
<i>- Mike Hallum</i> |
| 11:00 AM | Annual Meeting Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Approval of June 8, 2019 Minutes◆ Approval of 2020 Proxy Vote◆ Financial & Membership Reports◆ Nominations and Elections◆ Other Business◆ Door Prize Presentations |
| 12:00 Noon | Adjourn to June 11, 2022 |



*Social
Distancing*

Hope to
see you
there!



From the Treasurer *Cara Goldman*



Financials as of March 31, 2021

General Fund	\$19,460.60
Fish & Wildlife	\$ 7,848.11
Lake Project	\$ 967.91
Invasive Species	\$ 10,950.01
Nelson Lake Park	<u>\$ 2,767.62</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$41,994.25</u></u>



Membership

Nelson Lake Association currently has 204 new or renewed memberships.



We appreciate NLA members that pick up litter along our lake roads to keep them beautiful.

Thank You



RAFFLE



Win A Paddle Board!

TWO paddle boards will be raffled off.

- Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25
- Purchase tickets at Nelson Lake Resorts, at NLA Annual Meeting (6/12/21) or at the NLA Picnic on August 14, 2021
- 200 tickets to be sold



*Two winners will be drawn
on 8/14/21 at the NLA
Picnic*

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Boat Ramp Repairs



One of the benefits of the drawdown was that it enabled the public boat ramps on Nelson Lake to be repaired and readied for the season. These pictures are from Nelson Lake Park.

Before



After



NELSON LAKE DRAWDOWN UPDATE—3/17/21



by Gordon Christians

Refilling of Nelson Lake began when some of the stop logs that were removed last fall were reinstalled on March 16th. Unfortunately, the new logs were not ready so one of the old ones was used temporarily. This was replaced with all of the new logs on March 26th. Once stop logs were installed, the only water going through the dam, until normal water levels returned, was from the leaks between the logs. (A 10% normal flow was required to maintain the river downstream.) As everyone knows, snow fall last winter was below normal and there was an early warm spell. This made an impact how much water flowed into the lake so spring rains were critical.

Once the stop logs were installed and the water began to rise, there was open water around the lake edge making access to the ice difficult and dangerous. Barriers and warning signs placed at the public landings until the ice was gone. The landings were opened for use when the barriers were removed and water levels were adequate. The lake returned to normal level on April 11th, when water began running over the dam.





Come join the fun at Northland Area Builders Association's 11th Annual ICE FISHING EVENT



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NLA BOARD MEMBERS HELPING OUT

The *Northland Area Builders Association* had a good turnout at their fishing event on January 16th. The weather was great! Many of the participants used snowmobiles and ATVs to reach their favorite fishing spot; the parking lot was full and additional parking along Gerlach Road was utilized all the way to Nelson Lake Road.

Board members Dale McPherson and Harold Burton provided parking lot security and coordination throughout the day.



thanks for volunteering!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Monitoring for Aquatic Invasive Plants

Early detection often means the difference between eradication and ongoing maintenance to reduce the damage aquatic invasive species cause once they are established. Being able to quickly determine that a species has shown up in a new area can also help focus containment efforts and reduce the risk to our lake. We rely heavily on our association member volunteers.

Freshwater aquatic invasive plants are those that are not naturally found in local lakes. Because they are not native, they have no predators or diseases, which allows them to grow quickly and dominate freshwater systems and native plants, fish and aquatic insects already present. Aquatic invasive plants can lead to reduced shorefront property values, water quality impairments and problems with the aesthetic and recreational values of waterbodies. Exotic plants can create the following problems:

- Displacing of beneficial wildlife.
- Reducing the aesthetic quality of lakes.
- Littering of beaches with plant fragments.
- Creating difficult or dangerous swimming areas
- Snagging fish lines and stunting fish life.
- Becoming tangled in outboard motor propellers.
- Choking boat traffic lanes.
- Requiring substantial funds for managing.

The spread of these plants to other uninfected waterbodies often occurs by transient boat traffic. If accidentally introduced into a waterbody, they grow at explosive rates, some between an inch to as many as six inches a day! Many times, new infestations are not discovered until the plants become a nuisance requiring expensive control methods. Once fully established, they are virtually impossible to eradicate. Therefore, education, vigilance and early detection are key components in keeping these non-native nuisance plants in check. Nelson Lake has a volunteer program dedicated to monitoring the lake for the presence of aquatic invasive plants. Volunteers are given a special "Aquatic Invasive Species Guidance Document" which contains photographs of exotic plants and look-alike plants that are actually OK.

The lake has been divided up into 31 sections. There are currently 21 households monitoring these sections. Weed monitoring involves is a small amount of time during the summer months. Volunteers survey their section two times from May through September. Primarily we are looking for Curly Leaf Pondweed in June and Eurasian Water Milfoil in August.

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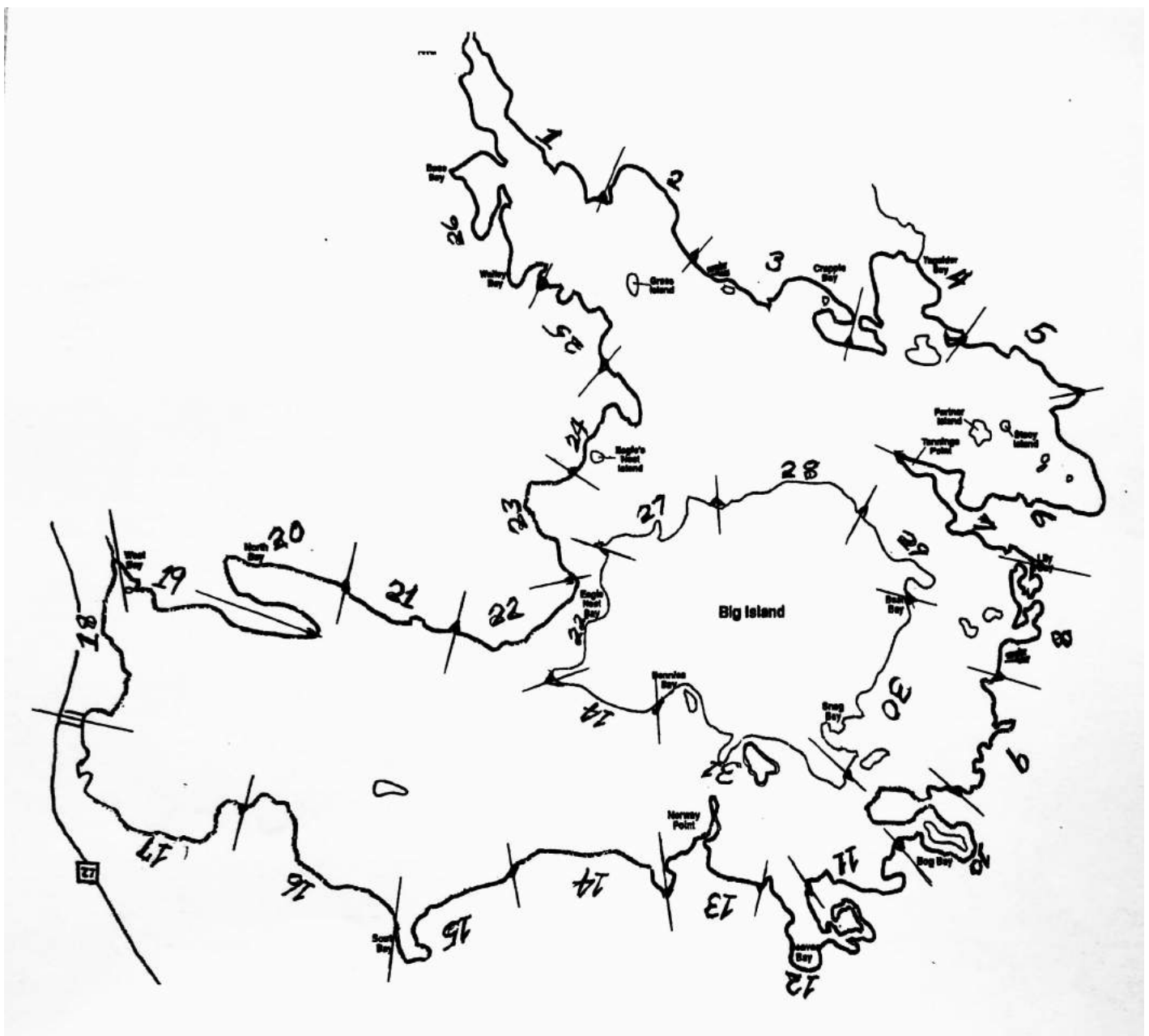
Volunteers (continued)

To survey, volunteers slowly boat around their assigned section. Using the materials provided in the Guidance Document, volunteers will then look for any species of concern. After a trip or two around the section, volunteers will have a good knowledge of its plant community and will immediately notice even the subtlest changes.

We would really like to have more volunteers to assist with this monitoring. We have included a map of the lake showing the sections. **The sections that we could use help monitoring are section 2, 8, 22, 23, 26, 27, and 31.**

If you are willing to help ensure invasive weeds are kept out of Nelson Lake we need your help. Please contact Jeff Hanson at 612-719-9072.

Thanks.





REGULATIONS



NELSON LAKE

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit	Length Limit
Walleye	General gamefish*	3	18" minimum
Northern Pike	General gamefish*	1	32" minimum
Largemouth Bass	General gamefish*	5, both species combined	None
Smallmouth Bass	Catch and release only from first weekend in May to third weekend in June		None
Panfish (Crappie, Bluegill, Yellow Perch, Sunfish)	Open Year Round	10 combined	None

*General gamefish season runs from the first Saturday in May through the first Sunday in March

3-line fishing and motor trolling is allowed (3 hooks, baits, or lures per person)

HANDS-ONLY CPR

FOR WITNESSED SUDDEN COLLAPSE



1. CHECK and CALL

1. **CHECK** the scene, then **CHECK** the person.
2. Tap on the shoulder and shout, "Are you okay?" and quickly look for breathing.
3. **CALL** 9-1-1 if no response.
4. If unresponsive and not breathing, **BEGIN CHEST COMPRESSIONS.**

TIPS:

- Whenever possible use disposable gloves when giving care.
- Occasional gasps are not breathing.



2. GIVE CHEST COMPRESSIONS

1. Place the heel of one hand on the center of the chest.
2. Place the heel of the other hand on top of the first hand, lacing your fingers together.
3. Keep your arms straight, position your shoulders directly over your hands.
4. Push hard, push fast.
 - Compress the chest at least 2 inches.
 - Compress at least 100 times per minute.
 - Let the chest rise completely before pushing down again.
5. Continue chest compressions.



3. DO NOT STOP

Except in one of these situations:

- You see an obvious sign of life (breathing).
- Another trained responder arrives and takes over.
- EMS personnel arrive and take over.
- You are too exhausted to continue.
- An AED is ready to use.
- The scene becomes unsafe.

AED AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

If an AED is available:

1. Turn on AED.
2. Wipe chest dry.
3. Attach the pads.
4. Plug in connector, if necessary.
5. Make sure no one is touching the individual.
6. Push the "Analyze" button, if necessary.
7. If a shock is advised, push the "Shock" button.
8. Perform compressions and follow AED prompts.

Go to redcross.org or call your chapter to sign up for training in full CPR, First Aid, Babysitter's Training, Pet First Aid and much more.

**AED's are located at the following resorts on Nelson Lake:
Revelle's, Four Seasons, and Nelson Lake Landing**



18 participants — and the dog Buddy



January 9, 2021



When we began the race, the Big Island wasn't even visible! But as the fog cleared, we enjoyed a rime ice wonderland.



Our lookout as we raced through the narrows.





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